



# Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

It's shocking to recognize that this is my last Herald article of the year (The Herald is not produced the weeks of Christmas and New Years). Because this is my last article, I am feeling a bit reflective: 2022 has been quite a year! Woodland Hills has seen major transitions take place within our congregation, with my moving to Pulpit Ministry being one of the major ones. I am planning to talk about this more with sermons looking back, and forward, Lord willing, into 2023 but let me take the space in this last article to affirm two things to this congregation. 1. I love this congregation. I love all of you because of my deep connection to WH, but I love this congregation MORE because we are the Body of Christ and are the beloved of God (Romans 1:7). I love ministering in Christ's Church. 2. I want to affirm my long term commitment to this congregation. This is my home and I am here to serve this church in the most faithful way I can. Let us pray to God to follow his will in 2023. -Matt

### Elders

Ronald Barker      Dick Holt  
Mike Barrios      Charles Mars

### Deacons

Dan Amar            Rafael Barrantes  
Mark Hillis        Jim Hubbert  
Larry Knox        Mark Mitchell  
Ken Robison      John Waddell  
Keith Williams

### Pulpit Minister

Matt Mitchell

### Minister of Songs & Praise

Dennis Sangster

### Missions

Malawi – Preacher Training  
Baxter Institute, Honduras

### Benevolence

AGAPE  
Sunnybrook Children's Home  
Hope Works  
Fleming Tarpidu Institute, India

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Bible Classes      9:00 a.m.  
AM Worship Svc.    10:00 a.m.  
PM Worship Svc.    5:00 p.m.\*  
Wed. Bible Study    7:00 p.m.  
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

\*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**  
*from the*  
**STAFF**



*Donnis Sangster*

*Mary E. Rigney*

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*Debbie Blasingame*

*Larry Phoe*

*Vitalik  
Baker*

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Woodland Hills Members:

Sylvie Achu, Stan Adams, Tom Adams, Ron Barker, Brenda Brown, David Dement, Chris & Paige (Surgery this past week) Essary, Osby Riley, Barbara Rea, Dennis & Annette Sangster, Louise VanSickel, John and Nancy Waddell

### In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Wilma Barfield, Janet & Billy Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Elaine Martin, Raymond McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Osby & Martha Riley, Clara Shipman, Linda Thompson, Mary Ann Watson

### Family and Friends:

Jim Adams (Brother of Tom Adams), Kris Alexander (Sister of Julie Grantham), Aaron Cadden (Nephew of Dee Close), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Jacqueline Ferrell (Sister of Ina Story), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Van Jones, Kevin Knight, Debbie Knight, Donny Long (Bro-in-law of Diane Hinton), Archie May (Father of Kerwin May), Russell May (Uncle of Kerwin May), Debbie McCoy (Friend of Hintons), Leah Morgan (Daughter of Sharon Estes), Jesse Murah (Friend of Kerwin May), Kesha Owsley (Friend of Daphne Jenkins), Mark Paschall (Brother of Brenda Renner), Randy Pinckley (Brother of Robi and Rhonda), Misty Pinckley, Beverly Renner (Sister-in-law of Brenda Renner), Mike Robison (son of Barbara Rea and brother of Ken Robison), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), David South, Pat Thomas, Margaret Wilkinson



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

18 - Aysia Jenkins  
18 - Donna Mars  
19 - Prince & Sylvie Achu  
19 - Spencer Dacus  
25 - Donald Bennett  
27 - Jim Hubbert  
28 - Jim Brown  
28 - Osby & Martha Riley  
29 - Ken Robison  
29 - Ben & Samantha Kurtz

30 - Bill & Sharon Estes  
31 - Jim & Rhonda Hubbert

## TO SERVE THIS WEEK December 18

Welcome & Announcements::

**John Waddell**

Opening Prayer:

**Bill Estes**

Closing Prayer:

**Mark Hillis**

Serve Communion:

**Larry Knox, Chris Essary,**

**Jerry Brown, Jacob Maynard**

AM Nursery: **Kerry Mitchell**

**No 5 PM Worship Service**

**this afternoon as we have a devotional planned to follow our Potluck Meal**

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



It's here again! The "Open House" at the home of Sharon Close, 9794 Windward Slope, Lakeland, to begin at 6 pm. Please bring finger foods and/or desserts etc. This is always an enjoyable evening of fellowship and singing!

## NEEDY CLOSET

We are in need of canned meats and vegetables in our needy closet. Please place items in the shopping cart in the lobby. Thank you.

Jim Hubbert

## LAST BULLETIN

Just as a reminder, there will be no bulletin for the next two weeks. The next bulletin will be dated January 8, 2023. Wow, where has this past year gone?

We will have Sunday handout bulletins, just no mailed HERALD.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

We will have a potluck luncheon today following our morning worship. We have Chili, Soup and Desserts and hope that you will stay and enjoy this meal with us. We will have a brief devo following our meal then no 5 pm service tonight.

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

Thank you to all who donated to the college kids care packages. Thank you to all who took the time to write notes to them as well.

In Christian love, Regina Brittain

Thanks so much for the beautiful arrangement you sent in memory of my mother. We truly appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

In Christian love, Keith Williams & Family

A special thank you to each of you who had a part in the "care package" I recently received as a college student. That was such a special delight!

Woodland Hills has always supported me through the years and I want you to know just how much I appreciate your caring and thoughtfulness and encouraging words.

Riley Hubbert

### **CALENDAR**

December 18 - 9 AM Classes

10 AM Worship

11 AM Pot Luck

12:15 Devotional

No 5 PM service tonight!

Open House at Sharon

Close;s home at 6PM

December 21 - 7 PM Wednesday Classes

December 25 - No 9 AM Classes

10 AM Worship

No 5 PM Worship

December 28 -

7 PM Wednesday Classes

*Happy New Year!*

January 1 -

No 9 AM Classes

10 AM Worship

No 5 PM Worship

We wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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